

## MR. HODGE LOST HIS GOLD LUCRE

Knocked Down, Dragged Over  
Palmetto Roots and Robbed

BY A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD LAD

Was En Route From Newberry to Alachua and Got Into Trouble When He Stepped Into a Phosphate Pit to Light a Pipe—His Story.

It is certainly a hard proposition to be accosted in an isolated spot, at 11 o'clock in the morning, by a fourteen-year-old lad, knocked down, dragged over several palmetto roots and finally made to "cough up" every cent you can squeeze out of your clothes—but this thing has happened, and Hon. Chas. Hodge of Alachua, during the last campaign a candidate from Alachua county to the Lower House, and who made a most remarkable record by his wonderful campaign speeches, was the victim.

Another disgraceful and humiliating feature of this outrage was the fact that the boy was a negro, and had never received a formal introduction to Mr. Hodge, who would naturally have refused one had that formality been offered.

Mr. Hodge was a visitor to Gainesville Monday and relates his own experience, which cost him \$4.00 and a rubber stamp. He stated that he was en route from Newberry to Alachua, walking. The distance is only a before breakfast sprint for this athletic aspirant for political honor, being only twelve or fourteen miles. While about half-way between the places he stepped down into an unused phosphate pit to light his pipe, when he was suddenly accosted by this burly negro youth.

"Good morning; it's a nice day we are having," said Mr. Hodge, with a desire to be pleasant.

"Hello," was the response. "I'm a detective. Who are you?"

At this remark Mr. Hodge admitted that he "got scared," and his form trembled like a muscle dancer doing a turn in a half-busted street fair association.

"My name is Hodge—Charlie Hodge"—he remarked as politely as the condition of affairs would permit. "I'm from Alachua, and have been over to Newberry on a little court business."

"Well, I want your money or your life, and if you fool with me I'll take 'em both," was the startling assurance of the butt-headed boy, as Mr. Hodge declares he grabbed him in the collar, threw him violently to the ground, and, not content with that, dragged him in the collar, threw him over several palmetto roots, tearing his clothes almost beyond repair. This act being concluded he opened an ugly-looking knife and forced Mr. Hodge to produce his pocket book, containing \$4.00, and a rubber stamp, after which he left the form of Mr. Hodge lying upon the ground, cautioning him if he ever told he would send him to a worse place than the Legislature.

Mr. Hodge was perfectly earnest in relating the story of this incident, which he said occurred about 11 o'clock Saturday. "You know \$4.00 is a heap of money for a poor man to lose, especially in this way, and I don't appreciate it a bit," he concluded.

Mr. Hodge states that, notwithstanding he has resided in that section all his life, he did not recognize the party nor did he ever remember seeing him before. He has notified the officers of the incident, furnishing a description of the man.

### ARE ENJOYING FINE TRADE.

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The Gainesville Planing and Coffin Mills, one of the largest and most important manufacturing industries in this section, is enjoying a fine business in the coffin trade, making large consignments to various sections of the State almost daily.

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### TUESDAY'S FIRE.

Ignited in Third Story of Witherspoon House, But No Damage.

An alarm of fire was turned in at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning from Box 43, which summoned the department to the Witherspoon boarding house, an immense structure located on West Arlington street.

The nearest alarm box to the scene of the conflagration was on South University street, two blocks away, with the result that considerable delay was occasioned in turning in the alarm. The department responded promptly, however, but upon arrival of the hose companies it was reported that the flames had been extinguished with little damage.

The fire originated from a defective chimney, it is said, on the third floor of the building, but fortunately was discovered before gaining much headway. Had the incident occurred at night the loss of life and property would no doubt have been great, since the house is well filled with guests at this season.

### Had a Big Hunt.

P. M. Oliver, one of the pioneer hunters and sportsmen of this section, and Mr. Jones of New York, have returned from a week's hunting and fishing trip to Shell Mound and Gulf Hammock.

Mr. Oliver is very much accustomed to this class of sport, making sometimes as many as three or four trips a year. He always enjoys them, but this being his companion's first experience in the wilds of a Florida hammock, where big game abounds in abundance, he was perfectly delighted.

Messrs. Oliver and Jones killed a bear, two deer, four wild turkeys and any amount of squirrel, quail and other game, to say nothing of the tremendous "hauls" of fish and delicious oysters. Mr. Oliver good-naturedly declared that his companion ate so heartily that he became sick, and they were compelled to return home a day or two earlier than they expected.

The hunting is fine in the Gulf Hammock now, and a great many sportsmen are taking advantage of the opportunity for sport. The fishing on the Gulf is also good, and oysters were never in better condition or more plentiful.

### Off to Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Marcus Endel, A. M. Cushman, S. G. D., and W. B. Higdon will represent Gainesville at the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons, which will convene in Jacksonville. Mr. Higdon, who is Worshipful Master of Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F. & A. M., will represent the lodge, while Messrs. Endel and Cushman will attend in their official capacities. Mr. Higdon departed Monday, and will be followed by the other two gentlemen today.

The Gainesville delegation anticipates a big time, as is always the case upon these occasions.

### Mr. Gerald Will Build.

Gainesville may add another fine building to the long list of contemplated improvements, J. B. Gerald having decided to erect a handsome residence on the lot recently acquired, East Main street, N.

The contract has been let, and C. E. Whiting expects to begin work at once. The structure will be two stories, and will contain seven rooms and a bath. It will be modern in every respect, and a possession of which the owner may well feel proud.

### NEGRO SHOTS WHITE MAN.

A Lynching Is Rumored in Case Victim Dies.

Dallas, Ga., Jan. 16.—Joe Arnold, son of F. P. Arnold, of Brownsville, a prosperous farmer and highly respectable citizen, was shot by Jeff Duncan, a negro, at Lost Mountain, 9 miles from here, just over the line of Cobb county.

Arnold was manager of Judge A. L. Bartlett's store at that place and was a very prominent young man of that section, both in a business and social way.

It is said two negroes walked into the store drunk and begun a disturbance which resulted in the shooting of the proprietor by one of the negroes.

The ball took effect in the breast of Arnold and grave fears are entertained of Arnold's recovery.

The negro escaped but a party of men are ready to take the negro and lynch him, it is rumored, in case the young man dies.

This makes the second shooting affair in almost the same section in less than one month, the former victim being killed instantly.

### BURNED TO DEATH.

Aged Woman Meets Tragic End in Her Home.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 16.—Miss Avis Harper, aged 75 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home at the foot of Pine mountain, a few miles from Chipley, Ga., information of which has been received here.

Miss Harper lived alone and a Mr. Chambers, who rented her farm, went to her home daily to attend any wants that she might have. When he arrived in sight of her home on Monday morning he saw that it was in flames, and the roof had fallen in by the time he reached it.

The charred remains of the unfortunate woman were found in the ruins.

It is stated that the deceased left a will in which she bequeathed her property to the Methodist and Baptist churches, one-half to each, although she was not a member of either one.

### Spoiled Her Beauty

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